(ख) यदि हां, तो इन समितियों को भंग किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) इन समितियों को कब तक भंग कर दिया जायेगा; और

(घ) नई समितियों का गठन कब तक कर दिया जायेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (घ) पिछली कामचलाऊ सरकार द्वारा गठित इक्यावन (51) दूरसंचार सलाहकार समितियों (टी०ए०सी०) की समीक्षा की जा रही है । इस मामले में अंतिम निर्णय यथासमय लिया जाएगा ।

Right to privacy to Indian citizens to contain telephone tappings

510. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give the right to privacy to citizens in view of increasing incidents of telephone tapping;

(b) total number of complaints received regarding telephone tapping during last three years and the number out of them which have been investigated and solved; and

(c) what is the result of the investigation by CBI of telephone tapping inquiry with regard to public complaint by Shri Chandrashekhar in 1990?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The policy of the Government has always been to ensure the right of privacy of the citizens, subject to the provisions of the law.

(b) Interception of telephone messages is permissible only under Section 5 (2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 by authorised officer of the Central/State Government under certain specific conditions. Department of Telecommunications only extends technical facilities when specifically requested by such authorised officers under the provisions of the Act. The required information will, therefore, have to be obtained from the concerned authorities.

(c) The report of CBI has been handed over to the privileges Committee of the 9th Lok Sabha.

Representation from Goa Telephone User's Association

511. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Goa Telephone User's Association; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation is regarding Telecom services alleging malpractice. The matter has been taken up for investigation.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1991, to Unstarred Question 239 regarding demand for Jharkhand State

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